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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 0502

FOR LASOR FROM THOMPSON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AFMR, CASC
SUBJECT: STATUS OF AMCITS AND FOREIGN NATIONALS COTONOU

REF: COTONOU 116

1. NORWEGIAN EMBOFF THORVIK TELEPHONED GTEL DE LA PLAGE
JANUARY 17 TO LOCATE NORWEGIAN SHIPPING PERSONNEL AND WAS TOLD
ALL FOREIGNERS IN HOTELS HAD BEEN TAKEN TO SURETE NATION-
ALE FOR QUESTIONING.-
IN LATER CALL TO SURETE HE WAS INFORMED
THAT INVESTIGATIONS SHOULD BE COMPLETED P.M. JANUARY 17.

2. THORVIK SAID THAT THREE NORWEGIAN VESSELS, SEISMIC
SHIP LONGVA 11, CARGO VESSEL HOEGH BREEZE AND AUTOMOBILE
CARRIER AUTOWEG CURRENTLY ANCHORED OFF COTONOU PORT AREA.
MASTER OF LONGVA 11 INDICATED WILLINGNESS EVACUATE FOREIGN
CITIZENS IF EMERGENCY WARRANTS. OTHER VESSEL MIGHT ALSO
ASSIST. CONTACT POINT IS NORWEGIAN EMBASSY LAGOS.
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3. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION CONCERNED WELFARE ALAN GILLAM,
HARRY PENROSE AND ROSALIND EYBEN. IF ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION
AVAILABLE PLEASE PASS TO EMBASSY LAGOS.

4. BENIN AMB TO NIGERIA TOLD AMBASSADOR EASUM HE MADE
ROUND TRIP LAGOS-COTONOU-LAGOS BY AUTOMOBILE JANUARY 16 IN

RESPONSE TO RADIO APPEALS. HE CLAIMED AIRCRAFT WHICH BROUGHT
MERCENARIES BEING HELD AT COTONOU AIRPORT.

5. JOB EASUM HAS TRIED TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT FOR ME WITH
BENINESE BUT BENINESE AMB NOT YET AVAILABLE, POSSIBLY ON
ACCOUNT OF BENIN TROUPS' FESTAC ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR
TONIGHT. WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK APPOINTMENT.

6. WHEN TIME PERMITS WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CHECKING WITH
FOR MINISTRY CONCERNING LIKELIEST TIME WE CAN EXPECT TO BE
ABLE RETURN TO BENIK. PLEASE ALSO INFORM MINISTRY THAT
THOMPSON DIPLOMATIC IDENTIFICATION CARD STOLEN JANUARY 15
IN LAGOS DURING FESTAC OPENING CEREMONY IN CASE IT TURNS UP
IN UNAUTHORIZED HANDS. LAGOS POLICE INFORMED. FYI STILL
HAVE VISAED DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT BUT ALL OTHER ID'S (STATE
DEPARTMENT ID, DRIVING LICENSE, ETC.) STOLEN TOGETHER WITH
WALLET.

END FYI.

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